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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that the Local Authority is consulting on reducing the Published Admissions Number at several Redbridge schools from September 2027. The formal consultation on the Local Authority's school admission arrangements proposals for 2027-28, runs from Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 00:01 until Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 23:59.

Across London falling birth rates and family migration from the city, have led to a significant decrease in demand for school places. This has resulted in a reduction in applications for children to attend Redbridge schools. This trend is predicted to continue over the next ten years. A decline in pupil numbers puts considerable financial pressure on schools.

The following schools are taking part in the consultation:

- Clore Tikva Primary School is proposing to reduce their Published Admission Number (PAN) for admission to Reception from September 2027 from 45 to 30.
- Cranbrook Primary School is proposing to reduce their Published Admission Number (PAN) for admission to Reception from September 2027 from 120 to 90.
- Parkhill Infants School is proposing to reduce their Published Admission Number (PAN) for admission to Reception from September 2027 from 120 to 90.
- Redbridge Primary School is proposing to reduce their Published Admission Number (PAN) for admission to Reception from September 2027 from 120 to 90.
- South Park Primary School is proposing to reduce their Published Admission Number (PAN) for admission to Reception from September 2027 from 90 to 60.
- St Aidan's Catholic Primary School is proposing to reduce their Published Admission Number (PAN) for admission to Reception from September 2027 from 60 to 30.
- Caterham High School is proposing to reduce their Published Admission Number (PAN) for admission to Year 7 from September 2027 from 180 to 120.

- King Solomon High School is proposing to reduce their Published Admission Number (PAN) for admission to Year 7 from September 2027 from 180 to 120.
- The Palmer Catholic Academy is proposing to reduce their Published Admission Number (PAN) for admission to Reception from September 2027 from 192 to 180.

The proposed changes will help improve the significant financial impact schools would otherwise face due to the decreasing demand for school places in Redbridge, and across London.

We are also asking all schools and other admission authorities within the borough and every neighboring education authority to comment on the consultation items. For the duration of the consultation period the consultation survey will be available on the Redbridge website at:

[Redbridge School Admissions Arrangements Consultation – Fill out form](#)

You can also contribute to the consultation by e-mail. Please send any submissions to the consultation to admissions@redbridge.gov.uk under the Subject title “Response to Admissions Consultation 2026-2027”.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information on the consultation process or content.

Yours sincerely

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